

The World Recognizes The Ultimate

by Julia Howell

On Wednesday the 21st of May Berlin American High School held their annual 1980 Senior Awards Assembly in Victory Hall. The President of the Student body opened the Assembly with greetings and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Following the opening remarks faculty members presented special awards to students with outstanding achievement in a particular field.

This years presentation of the Baush and Lomb Science Award was presented to Mark Workman. Richard Clarke was presented the Principal's Award from Miss Gladys L. Hay-

nie.

Then the moment came where all the scholarship applicants were waiting for. Thirty-six scholarships were presented, totalling to \$27,250. The following organizations were involved: Berlin American Women's Club, Parent Teacher Student Association, Latinos, Unidos, Tempelhof Officer's Wife's Club, Tempelhof NCO-EM Wife's Club, and the Prince Hall Masonic Family. The following students were recipi-

ents of \$1,000; Nelson, Workman, Stein, Engbretson, Slifer, Howell, Hassell, Thomas, Biron, Horton, Hanson, Phillips, Percy. The following Seniors recieved \$750; Remick, Paulson, Mason, Duncan, Shimei, Jackson, Warren, Warren, Schuetze. The following recieved \$500; Peterson, Chapman, Hudson, Reilly, Kosevich, Hicks, Payne, Barker, Davidson, Turner, Kornfield, Fox, Sellens, Ledbetter, and Schuetze.

Hall Monitors are recognized with Appreciation Week

by Ross Bennett

For those students who have Sr. High lunch, a quiet fourth period would not be possible without the first lunch hall monitors. These students volunteer at the beginning of each year to provide this service to the school.

This year marks the ninth year of the hall monitors existence, and Mr. Long, the sponsor of the organization, proclaimed that May 19-23 was Hall Monitor Appreciation Week.

The following students are members of the hall monitors; M. Hall, M. Walden, D. Whitney, J. Chilla, G. Presley, D. Lee, A. Lee, B. Zander, E. Wood, P. Stoffel, N. Wolf, L. Beebe, and T. Moss. We should take the time to thank these students who provide a useful service to our school, and recognize Hall Monitor Appreciation Week.

Exams Scheduled

by Joan Chartier

The end of the school year is coming, bringing exams along with it. The following schedules will be in effect during these days of school.

Senior Exams:

2, 3, 4 June Test periods 1, 3, 5 start Monday, 2 June and finish Tuesday, 3 June. Periods 2, 4, 6 start on Tuesday, 3 June and finish on Wednesday, 4 June.

Grades 7-11 Exams:

Friday 6 June	Period 1 0830-1010 Break 1010-1025 Period 2 1025-1205 Busses leave at 1210
Monday 9 June	Period 3 0830-1010 Break 1010-1025 Period 4 1025-1205 Busses leave at 1210
Tuesday 10 June	Period 5 0830-1010 Break 1010-1025 Period 6 1025-1205 Busses leave at 1210



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STUDENTS SELECT NEXT YEARS OFFICERS

By Steve Slifer

On Thursday, the 22nd of May, the Berlin American High School voted for their 1980-1981 class officers.

Unlike previous years, there was a large number of candidates running for the various offices available. This shows an increase in student interest in the school, and is further encouraged.

The reces were close, with the student's choices coming out on top.

1981 Senior Class

President	Mike Kuhlbars
Vice President	Dan Short
Sec-Tre	Lynne Schenkelberger

Juniors

President	Mike Short
Vice President	Robert Colangelo
Sec-Tre	Sharon Sams

Sophomores

President	Mark Nelson
Vice President	Mina Buenviaje
Sec-Tre	Laurie Barsh

Freshmen

President	Liz Marston
Vice President	Barbara Hunt
Sec-Tre	Kim Jackson

8th Grade

President	Nick Meimaris
Vice President	Angie Gibson
Sec-Tre	Michelle Nicolow

7th Grade

President	Mike Cummings
Vice President	Dennis Patton
Sec-Tre	Jacob Kishter

These will be your leaders for

next year, however, without your support and attendance at class meetings their job becomes ineffective. The only way that your officers can work for you is to work with you.

These officers are your voice and power in the Student Council Association. They can make your class strong, or you can make it weak. Give them your support.

ELECTION HELD

by Joan Chartier

On Friday, 16th of May, classes attended an assembly in the gym to elect students for next year's Student Council Executive Board. Students first heard the speeches of all candidates running for office, and then cast their ballots.

None of the present officers serving on the present Executive Board ran for reelection, therefore, none will be returning. Those now serving are: Richard Clarke, president; Hobe Davies, vice-president; Lisa Butlak, Secretary Treasurer; Lynn Thomas, Corresponding Secretary.

Incoming officers will be Tom Graham as president and Don Stovall as vice-president. Betty Barnhart will serve as Secretary-Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary will be Kathy Sams.

Classes Hold Activities Day

By Steve Slifer

The Berlin American High School held its second annual student activities day on Friday, the 23rd of May.

Each Class was designated a place to hold their activities. The great Class of 1980 was hungover from the day before (Senior Skip Day, which resulted in minimal attendance.

The Junior Class held their party at Rose Range; the Sophomores and Freshmen held activities at TCA. The 7th and 8th graders also joined in the festivities at Rose Range.

Features

SENIORS SKIP

If you noticed that on Thursday May 22 the first-floor hall was enigmatically unclogged with bodies, or that the school in general was a little quieter, there is a reason for it. It has become a tradition at BANS for the entire senior class to disappear someplace for the day and enjoy themselves, instead of coming to class. This year for skip day, the seniors went to Rose Range, where they indulged in intoxicating drink, grilled hamburgers and hot dogs, and invigorating sports. The skipping began at 8:30 AM and lasted approximately twelve hours. A fun time was reportedly had by all.

Music Department Performs

by Lynnne Tolbert

On May 13, the Berlin American High School Bands and Chorus performed their annual Spring Concert. The performance was directed by Ms. Rhoda Wisner. The Spring Concert was opened to the families of the musicians and members of the community. The Advanced, Intermediate, and Beginning Bands each performed selections that were worked on during this past school year. The chorus also performed four selections, three a cappella and one accompanied. The performance truly showed the amount of work and preparation that went into preparing for the concert.

Ms. Wisner feels the Spring Concert was representative of the academic class work done this school year by the performance classes.

SUMMER IS FINALLY HERE

by Karin D. Turner

Well students, summer is finally here and another school year will be closing. Have you made your plans for the summer? When some of the students in our school were asked this question, these are some of the answers I got.

One student is going to be spending some time in Alaska to work in a fishing cannery.

Most of the seniors will be returning to the states to prepare themselves for "higher learning".

For those of you staying in Berlin, drop on over to the D.Y.A. where they will be having various activities to keep you from becoming bored.

Or if you are more of the outgoing type get out and see some of Berlin's famous museums, or explore a discotheque. But whatever you do you'd better hurry and make some plans, because summer will be gone before you know it.

* EDITORIAL *

If one can compare the Mona Lisa to graffiti, I suppose one could also compare the 1812 Overture to Kiss' material. Music has taken on such a drastic change through the years, that what was once considered the "in" thing is now "long hair". I'm sure at one time Mozart, Chopin, Bach and Beethoven were hot items, but now they are considered prehistoric and only listened to by stuffy old croonies. Wrong. It might astonish some teenagers to know that some of their peers listen to classical music every day, by choice. The majority of the under 20 population feel that if a song doesn't have a beat that echos through the hollow chambers of their brain, that it isn't worth listening to. I'd like to take a look at some of the music they are listening to.

To begin with, there is the ever-growing punk rock. Is the public captured by the music or is it the behavior and antics that happen on stage during the concert? Groups like "Kiss", can abuse the audience with vile language and obscene gestures during a concert and still the audience come back for more, while the group sits on a mountain of money and laughs up their sleeves.

Another form of today's music is "heartbreak" songs. If one was to listen to the songs in greatest demand at the moment one would find an ocean of broken hearts, lost loves, foolish lovers, too many lovers, not enough lovers, misplaced loves, loves that never can be and many more. Is our society really that love-sick?

Classical music isn't completely dead. It has been revived in the form of squeaks and squawks from a synthesizer. The most popular of these being "Beethoven's 5th". Another is "Switched-On Bach". Is it right to take a masterpiece like the Brandenburg Concerto and, in essence, paint a moustache on it? I wonder how many original composers are turning over in their graves.

Must we take our classics and put a heavy beat in them in order to get today's youth to listen to them? It must be possible to offer these pieces in their original form. If the radio stations, TV stations, and record companies would offer more music and less screaming, perhaps our youth would appreciate music and it might even restore their hearing. Most of the people that call classical music "long hair", probably haven't even heard it before.

EDITORS SPEAK

David Paulson: Editor-in-chief

I'm pleased with the progress of this year's newspaper. We've increased the number of newspapers greatly compared to previous years. I also think the paper is a little more interesting than last year's.

Steve Slifer: News Editor

This year with publications has been a challenge. I have learned a lot about the technical aspects of the newspaper. Most of all, however, I have learned what a deadline is.

Michele Schuetze: Features Editor

I'm glad I got to work on the newspaper staff this year. I had the chance to work with some great people. I wish the next newspaper staff all the luck and breaks we had and a great advisor like ours.

Toni Hassell: Literary Editor

I think that this year's literary page of the newspaper turned out pretty well. Although there was not much interest from the student body, the input was enough to keep us going.

Ron Watt: Sports Editor

I feel the overall paper, including the Sports page, is ten times better than last year's.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE



Class of 1980 BEARIN DOWN STAFF

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF.....David Paulson
NEWS EDITOR.....Steve Slifer
FEATURES EDITOR.....Michele Schuetze
LITERARY EDITOR.....Toni Hassell
SPORTS EDITOR.....Ron Watt
STAFF WRITERS.....Ross Bennett

.....Joanne Biron
.....Joan Chartier
.....Zona Duncan
.....Julia Howell
.....Val Jackson
.....Bryan Reiff
.....Karen Reilly
.....Cletis Smith
.....Carla Sutcliffe
.....Lynnne Tolbert
.....Joyce Warren
.....Mark Workman
.....Cathy Jones
.....Mike Vine

EXCHANGE EDITOR.....Robin McDermald
GRAPHICS.....Karin Turner
ADVISOR.....Mrs. D. Jane Bair

Horizons

CYPRESS TREE

I spy the tree over here on the crest,
Tired and weary taking a rest.
Reaching about with outstretched branches,
With once forgotten limbs that now are just blanches.
Rooted deep into the soil,
So as not to be taken away by a window turmoil.
The aged brown bark clinging to the frame,
This poor tree looks quite lame.
But wait there's still life left in this tree,
As it watches wearily over the sea.



Friends

Susanne Duncan

Always there when she's needed,
Never has to be begged or pleaded.
Cares when no one else does,
Only does things, well, "just because".
Has a friendly smile when days are blue,
Always has a good word or two.
Writes me letters when I'm feeling down,
Cheers me up like a circus clown.
Never says, "I told you so", though she'd
like to say it, that I know.
Gives me a hug of understanding,
Never gives me reprimanding.
This thing between us will never end,
That's cuz she's such a damn good friend.



HELP US MAKE IT RIGHT

Toni Hassell

The time has come, the day is near,
It's time to part this life so dear.
We all must go one day or another,
But we often feel it only happens to others.
We don't realize that this vague situation,
There's many problems and complications.
The world is on trial, I know it's true,
And if you don't know, then I'm here to tell you.
There's hostages in Iran, they've been there too long,
And everytime we make a move, something goes wrong.
Why can't we all get on our knees at night,
And pray for the arguments and pray for the fights.
Are we too immature to ask our dear God,
For a helping hand or a thought from above?
This world's too great to destroy all at once,
There's no reason for all these fights and boasts.
There's more immigrants coming to America,
How will we handle these enormous people?
There's so many problems already today,
But how can we turn these people away?
America the land of the brave and the free,
Seems to be the land where everyone flees.
I hope that this world will come to their senses,
I pray everynight for energy and defenses.
I pray at night that the hostages are freed,
I pray at night for the people of greed.
I pray that they will soon realize,
That there is no where for them to hide.
So let's all get together and pray to God up high,
I'm sure he'll give an answer, He's with us by and by.
At night when you're down by your bed on your knees,
Just take one precious moment to say to God, "Please."
"Please help us God, make it in your sight,
Help us make it in this world and help us make it right."



GIRL MEETS BOY

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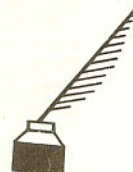
Hey!
Hey you!
Yeah you!
You're cute!
I think I could like you!
You too?
Why thank you.
I think you have a nice smile too.
Coffee?
I'd love some!
Before we go we must agree on one thing.
You read my mind!
That's right.
No commitment whatsoever.
Pisces?
I knew it!
Me?
Aries.
I know.
Very computable!
Tell me about yourself.
Me?
There's nothing to tell.
Well, gotta run!
Tomorrow?
Same place, same time?
OK!
But remember, no commitment.
Yes, I feel it too.
A match made in heaven as they say.
We were destined to meet.
Aren't you glad I hit you with my taxi?
By the way, how's your arm.....



A POEM

Joyce Warren

It takes so long to think of a rhyme.
I make poems that way all the time.
Then I learned a very important thing,
Poems don't have to use a rhyme scheme.
But make a poem whichever way suits you,
Just make sure your message gets through.



MISS ABBEY

Joyce Warren

Miss Abbey was old and had a dark black cat.
She was a mysterious lady and you could bet
on that.
I can still remember the night she died,
And nobody at her funeral had cried.
She died on a night with an eerie wind.
Scaring people was her only sin.
She would scare the kids and they'd run away.
She did this constantly everyday.
A friend at her house was rarely seen,
Until when she died on Halloween.
They say she died due to loss of sight.
On a dark wicked, black velvet night.
An old cemetery is where she will lie.
And now that she's gone, the people will cry.



BEARIN DOWN ON SPORTS

SMITH CHOSEN ATHELETE OF THE YEAR

Since this is the last issue, a special sports figure of the year has been chosen. The athlete of the year for the 1979-1980 School year is Cletis Smith.

Cletis has been a starter on the Varsity football team for the past two years. Being the super athlete he is, Cletis played on both the offensive and defensive squads. This year, Cletis made the Silver Division North All-Conference team for his excellent play at the defensive end position. During the winter sports season, Cletis started on the men's Varsity basketball team. A returning starter, Cletis led the team in scoring with a 20.6 average. Cletis also made the All-Conference team in basketball and was chosen to the All-Tournament team for all of class B.

In track, Cletis holds the B.A.H.S. long jump record of 21'6". At the German Track Regionals, Cletis placed third in the long jump and fifth in the 200-meter dash.

BERLIN BEATS

FRIEDBERG 51-0/34-0

Tracey Turner

On the weekend of the 18th, the Berlin D.Y.A. Senior League softball team travelled to Friedberg to compete against the Falcons in their second double header of the season.

Berlin got off to an astonishing start with 19 runs by the end of first inning. Throughout the entire game, Berlin was safely stealing and sliding into bases, which accounted for most of the runs.

Friedberg was held back in runs by Berlin's outstanding fielding. For every three Falcons up, there were three outs.

Tracy Groover was the star of both games, with a total of 5 home runs and 21 RBI's for the weekend. Both Groover and Debbie Percy received game balls. During the second game, Debbie Percy pitched a no hitter. She also had 2 home runs, Terri "Buckwheat" Beck also had 2 home runs. Kathy Balthasar and Jo Anne Percy both had home runs.

By the third inning Berlin had run up a score of 51-0. Friedberg and Berlin coaches got together during the third inning and Friedberg decided to forfeit. Berlin had its third straight win and was on its way to its fourth.

In the second game Friedberg managed to do a little better. They managed to get 2 girls on base by walks, but in vain. Again Berlin badly beat Friedberg with a score of 34-0.

Lindsey, Smith, Steiner, Rivera, and Schleifer Star in Meet

by Ronald Watt

Several weeks ago, Berlin held its first and only home track meet. The meet was a dual meet, putting the Berlin tracksters against Baumholder. Having more runners, Baumholder easily won the meet. The women's team took nine first places, one second, and three thirds. The men's team took six first places, five seconds, and two thirds.

Trisha Lindsey, Berlin's star hurdler, took three first places and a second. In the 100-meter hurdles, Trisha clocked a 16.2, dusting her nearest rival. In the 100-meter dash, Trisha ran a 13.7 and in the high jump, she jumped 4'9".

Another Berlin speedster, Christy Schleifer, also had three wins. Christy ran a 2:30.0 in the 800-meters, 5:18 in the 1900-meters, and 12:13.0 in the 3000-meters.

Tina Steiner took a first in the 200-meter dash and second in the 400-meters. Tina clocked a 28.3 in the 200-meter dash. In the 400-meters, Tina was narrowly beaten, clocking a 63.4.

Other placers for the Berlin team were Helen Spiller and Lisa Butlak. Helen won two thirds in the discus and shot put, while Lisa won a third in the 400-meters.

BEARS WIN 3 AND TIE 3

Tracey Turner

On the weekend of the 24th Berlin hosted Baumholder in their last regular season meet of the year. Berlin won this match 15-3.

Congratulations to Mike Clarke, Irvin Hicks, Richard Clarke, Kay Martinez, Machele Connover and Monica Park. These are the top six players chosen from Berlin's tennis team to travel to finals to be held in Wiesbaden, Germany from 28 May through May 31. The preceeding people and manager Shelly Branam will leave on Tuesday, May 27, and return on the first of June.

Mike Clarke will be going down as the number one man, and Kay Martinez the number one woman for singles.

Irvin Hicks and Richard Clarke are the number one mens doubles team from Berlin. They have remained undefeated the entire season and are expected to do well in finals. Machele Connover and Monica Park will represent Berlin for the women's doubles.

"This has been one of the best teams I've ever coached," said Miss Barlow. "Not only did they run a mile everyday, but they played highly competitive matches as well. Shelly Branam has been on the best managers I've had and has helped out alot. This season has been very positive one, and has been worth all of the hard work."

The team members who are not travelling to finals also deserve congratulations.

In men's action, Cletis Smith won two first places and two seconds. Cletis easily won the long jump and triple jump, beating his nearest rival by over a foot. In the long jump, Cletis jumped 20'1" and in the triple jump, he jumped 39'1 1/4". In the 100 and 200-meter dashes, Cletis met stiff competition, running against Baumholder's Tony Tolson. Cletis took second in both races.

Orlando Rivera, Berlin's spectacular long distance runner, won two firsts and a second. Orlando ran a 4:22.4 in the 1500-meters and a 9:50.0 in the 3000-meters. Orlando also took second in the 800-meter race.

Brian Frazier took one first, one second, and a third. In the 400-meters, Brian ran a swift 53.7. In the pole vault, Brian took second, clearing 8-feet. Brian also won a third place in the long jump.

Other finishers for the men's team were Mark Andrews, Ronald Watt, and Bobby Krasnican. Mark took two seconds, one in the shot put and one in the discus. Ronald Watt took first place in the high jump, with a jump of 5' 5/8". Bobby took third place in both the 100-meter and 300-meter hurdles.

SOCCER TEAM WINS

by Cletis Smith

The Berlin Bears Soccer team lost two more games, to Bitburg and Zweibruecken by scores of 4-0, and 2-0, but defeated Baumholder 4-1 in last game.

In the Bitburg game, the Barons scored 25 seconds into the game, and scored their second goal right before the half. The other two were scored in the second half. Scott Cheetham, the Bears most consistent player all year round, and who will probably make All-Conference, played excellently throughout the whole game.

In the Zweibruecken game, the Bears and the Trojans played to a 0-0 tie, until the second half, when the Trojans scored their goals. Tony Nelson, Tom Graham, and Cheetham, performed excellently.

In the last, and final home game of the season, the Bears finished in style, as Nelson scored a pair of goals, and John Oberst, and Cheetham scored a goal a piece, to defeat the Bucs, in front of a home crowd, and finished 3rd in the conference, as they out scored the Bucs in the standings. Don Stovall, and Nelson performed superbly throughout the game.

As Coach George Pepoy would sum it up, "We just couldn't score."

The J.V. Bears also won by a score of 3-1. Steve Hofer, Mark Nelson and Thomas Wolf, each scored a goal. Bart Thomas, Tim Paladino, and Steve Slifer, were standouts in the game.



Bearin' Down

SENIOR SECTION

Graduation is here!

JR. & SR. PROM HELD

by Robin McDonald

by Karen Reilly

On Sunday, June 8, the Senior Class of 1980 will begin their Commencement Exercises at 2:00 pm in Victory Hall.

The Commencement address will be given by the American Minister Anderson, US Mission Berlin. Diplomas will be awarded by General Moore.

This year's valedictorian, Jim Nelson and salutatorian, Mark Workman will both be giving speeches at the ceremony.

There will be seventy-six graduating seniors this year, and over two-thirds of them will be attending college in the near future, an impressive number.

Musical Entertainment will be provided by the BAHS band conducted by Miss Risner. The Commencement Exercises will last approximately one hour.

This years Junior & Senior Prom, as is tradition, was sponsored by the Junior Class of 1980. It was held Saturday the 24th of May at the Schlosshotel Gehrhus.

This years prom theme was "Dream Weaver" by Gary Wright. The theme is chosen similar to Homecoming Queen; nominations are suggested, then the class votes on one particular theme. Musical entertainment was provided by the German band Koff.

The program opened with the welcome, which was given by Junior Vice-President Dan Short. The welcome was followed by the Invocation, which was delivered by Chaplin Andrews. Following the invocation dinner was served. The meal included vegetable bisque soup, beef filet with Bearnaise sauce, mushrooms, tomatoes, and potatoes, and a whipped pudding for dessert.

During the dinner ballots were handed out and attenders voted for the Senior King and Queen of the Prom, and a Junior and Senior Princess. The ballots were then counted and after dinner the winners were crowned.

Senior king was Richard Clarke. Senior Queen was Karen Sellers. The Senior Princess was Kendra Payne, and Junior Princess was Lisa Moore.

Following the coronation on the King, Queen, and Princess, the Senior wills were read by Senior Class President Jarot Horton & Karen Reilly. In These wills, which were primarily comical, the Senior Class willed certain things to special freinds and teachers. After the coronation and reading of the Senior wills, the closing benediction was given by Chaplin Andrews.

Prom then ended at twelve O'clock.

BACCALAUREATE HELD SUNDAY

By Mark Workman

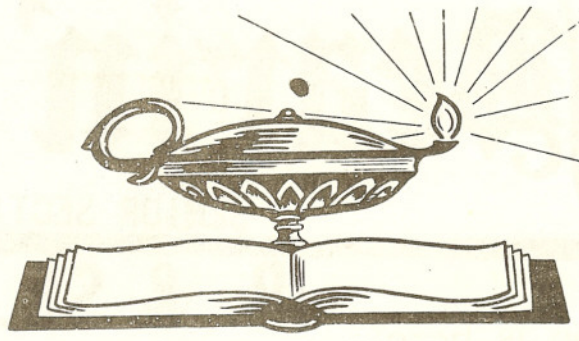
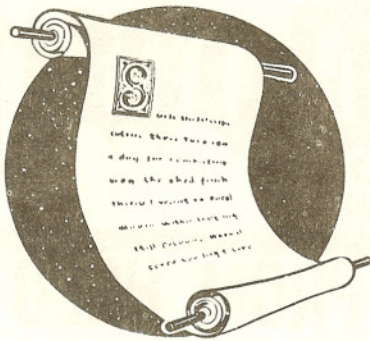
Baccalaureate and commencement are two special graduation ceremonies held at most American educational institutions. These exercises were first held by European universities in the Middle Ages. Baccalaureate service is a religious service, traditionally held the Sunday before commencement.

B.A.H.S. will carry on this tradition and hold its baccalaureate service on June 1st at 4 p.m. in the American Community Chapel.

CONGRATULATIONS SENIORS

THE
PUBLICATIONS
CLASS
OF
1980
SAYS
FAREWELL

Mark Andrews	University of Georgia
Felipe Badoyen	University of Hawaii
Frank Barker	Art Institute of Houston
Janice Barker	San Antonio College
Joanne Biron	Minneapolis College of Arts and De
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Gene Casey	Savannah Advertising School
Scott Chapman	California State University, Long Beach
Ayse Ciragan	New England College
Richard Clarke	United States Military Academy, West Point
David Davidson	Embry Riddle, Florida
Zona Duncan	University of Maryland, Munich
Julie Engbretson	University of Maryland, Berlin
Julie Goff	Texas Tech University
Toni Hassell	University of South Carolina
Charles Henry	University of Maryland, Berlin
Irvin Hicks	Morgan State University, Maryland
Margot Horton	Kansas State University
Julia Howell	University of Oklahoma
Carolyn Hudson	Navarro College, Texas
Valerie Jackson	Mars Hill College, North Carolina
Paul Knopf	Florida Institute of Technology
Roni Kosevich	Northern Illinois University
Carolyn Lindsey	University of Albuquerque, New Mexico
Troy Mason	Mississippi State University
Terry Moorman	East Texas State
Jim Nelson	Wheaton College, Illinois
Angela Ott	University of Maryland, Berlin
David Paulson	University of Connecticut
Kendra Payne	Southwest Missouri State University
Barbara Peterson	Mankato State University, Minnesota
Connie Phillips	Lamar University, Texas
Bryan Reiff	Ohio State University
Karen Reilly	The Newport College Salve Regina, Rhode Island
Anne Remick	Texas Tech University
Paul Shimei	University of Florida
Michele Schuetze	Humboldt State University, California
Karen Sellers	East Texas State University
Steve Slifer	The Citadel
Cletis Smith	Pennsylvania State University
Peter Stein	Wesleyan University
Carla Sutcliffe	Woking College
John Teeters	Washington State University
Lynn Thomas	University of Denver
Karin Turner	The American College, London
Joyce Warren	Northwestern State University
Thomas Warren	Texas A&M University
Mark Workman	Virginia Tech
Barbara Young	Glassboro State College



EDITOR OPENS HIS MOUTH

by David Paulson

Seniors, in many ways graduation is the most significant time of your life. It is a time for looking back...and planning ahead.

You have individually and collectively accomplished something which you have worked for five days a week, for twelve long years. You will graduate, and in doing so, you will leave your mark on your classmates, your school and your community.

Graduation is the finale, for the first major stage in your life. Now you're going to go out in the world and be your own person. You are going to find out just what kind of individual you are. Will you be able to keep up with the fast moving rat race, we call the American way of life? For those of you heading on to college: can you handle it?

We are all asking ourselves some of these questions, as we near the final event in our high school career; graduation. Some of us will make it big, others will get nowhere, but, many of us will just be plain old people. Not famous nor poverty stricken, but just trying to keep up with the next guy.

I wish all of you luck. I for one, know I could use it.

SENIORS VOTE FOR SUPERLATIVES

by Carla Sutcliffe

On Wednesday May 14, the Class of 1980 voted for their Senior Class Superlatives. The results are as follows: Best All Around: Richard Clarke and Margot Horton. Most Athletic: Cletis Smith and Roni Kosevich. Most Talented: Richard Clarke and Toni Hassell. Best Dressed: Irvin Hicks and Julia Howell. Best Looking: John Teters and Kendra Payne. Most Likely to Succeed: Mark Workman and Margot Horton. Most Intelligent: Jim Nelson and Margot Horton. Biggest Flirts: Troy Mason and Carla Sutcliffe. Class Clowns: Trevor Johnson and Roni Kosevich. Cutest Couple: Cletis Smith and Toni Hassell.

SENIOR PRES. SPEAKS OUT

by Margot Horton--Sr. Class President

This past school year 1979/80 at Berlin American High School has been an exhausting challenge for me as Senior Class President. I have attended this high school for two and a half years and I have seen people come and go. There are so many unique opportunities that we have living in Berlin. It is a city full of history and a variety of exciting past times.

The school itself also has interesting activities, but more importantly, it has such great potential. I began this year in the Senior class with little past experience as a member of the Student Council, or as a Senior Class President. But I began with enthusiasm and determination. I knew that there were many things which could be improved upon and many things the Seniors alone wanted in their last year. My Vice President, Troy Mason, and Secretary/treasurer, Dave Fox, and I spent hours before the year began planning and contemplating all the wonderful new things we were going to do for the Seniors and the school. Unfortunately, we lost our ability to pull through on these ideas. The first reason is because of the few mistakes we made in the beginning concerning our organization and methods.

The second reason is that we constantly had the pressure of being compared to the Class of 1979 behind us. It is true that they were unique and individual and managed to successfully accomplish all their goals. But after spending a year as President of the Class of 1980 I will defend to the hilt, the fact that THERE IS NO COMPARISON. The Class of 1980 is special, and in my opinion, the greatest. I would not trade my position for anything. I am proud to have been able to spend my last year in Berlin with eighty of the most wonderful people in the world.

This past year has been both frustrating and exciting for all of us. We suffered many obstacles, but looking at the class now, I would say that we remained strong. We learned what it means to be one group moving towards one goal. Graduation will be special this year because we'll remember the year we grew so much.

To the Class of 1980, I say Thank You for helping me to grow, and for making this year beautiful. Always remember that you are the VERY BEST.

SENIORS SPEAK AT LAST

collected by Valerie Jackson

Kendra Payne: "I'll leave with a smile on my face, a frown in my heart."

Toni Hassell: "I'm happy to graduate but it's so hard to go."

Steve Slifer: "Oh joy, oh rapture, oh fondest dreams come true!"

Joyce Warren: "I'm happy about graduating, but sad about ending high school basketball season and leaving all my friends."

Robin Ayling: "I'm really excited about and happy to be out of school but I'm not leaving Berlin at the present time."

Tracy Groover: "I'll really miss all the experiences and sports and special events I had in high school. I couldn't wait to get here but now I can't wait to go."

Barbara Young: "I'm glad to graduate, but sorry to leave Berlin."

Margot Horton: "It's a relief to graduate and I'm glad to be leaving Berlin."

Karen Sellers: "I'm glad that I am finally graduating but it's hard to leave Berlin and I'll be glad to get home but I will miss the night life and my friends."

Brenda Wacter: "I won't be leaving but I sure am glad to be getting out of school."

Zona Duncan:

Zona Duncan: "After four years, I'm prepared to leave."

Julie Goff: "I'm really glad the twelve years are over and I'm glad to go, but I'll miss Berlin."

Angela Ott: "I won't be leaving Berlin for a while, but I'm glad to be graduating."

Karin Turner: "It's nice to be graduating from a high school in Berlin, Germany but it's sad to leave your friends and special people behind."

Karen Reilly: "I will be glad to graduate but I will be sad to leave Berlin because I will be leaving a lot of friends."

Theresa Ledbetter: "Terrific!!!"

David Paulson: "Graduating: '?' - no comment. Leaving Berlin: "I'm counting the days."

Carla Sutcliffe: "It feels good to be the youngest graduate and I'm proud to be a member of the class of 1980, but I don't want to leave Berlin."

Joanne Biron: "It's about time!!!"



The End

Breathing heavily,
Crying inside,
Laughing outside.
Dreading the end.
The diploma is coming.

Someone put it in your hand,
Patted you on the back,
And gave you a push
Into your future
With all their luck.

You're on your own Kid.

Carla Sutcliffe

"THANK YOU"

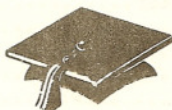
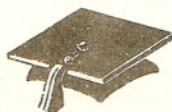
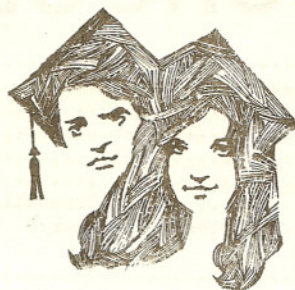
Toni Hassell

The time has come, the days are near,
It's time for laughter, joys and tears.
We hate to go, at least I do,
That's why I wrote this poem to you.
We've shared our joys, we've shared the pain,
We've shared the sunshine and the rain.
We've shared the good times and the bad,
We've shared the happiness and the sad.
Remember the rallies and the games,
Remember the feelings of senior fame?
Well it's still here this day and time,
And what I want will always be mine.
I want to remember the smiling faces,
And all life's gifts and warm embraces.
I hope these memories will linger on,
I hope I remember you in my songs.
In five more years you'll soon see me.
At the city auditorium or on T.V.
I hope when I see all of you,
That we'll remember the things we used to do.
Some of you will be lawyers, doctors, and teachers,
Some of you will be firemen, pilots, and preachers.
We'll have a reunion one of these days,
There we will discuss our thoughts and ways.
We'll discuss the old time we used to share,
And all the fun we used to have.
The teachers we knew that fussed at us,
The teachers that laughed, the teachers that cussed.
And then we'll say, those were the days,
When we could do things in a reasonable way.
In a few more years things will have changed,
Nothing that exists now will be the same.
Only the memories we have in our minds,
Only the thoughts of our different kinds.
But this poem that I leave to you,
Is just a way to say "THANK YOU!"

THE FINAL REWARD

Michele Schuetze

The curtain goes up, the faces stare.
The months of practice come rushing back in a flood.
A line is delivered, a smile from a face.
A song is sung, a tear from an eye.
An ending, not happy, but not exactly sad.
The curtain falls.
A sigh of relief, a moment of anticipation,
And then.....applause.



A SENIOR

Cletis Smith

I am a senior at BAHS,
and to me there is no doubt that seniors are best.

We've survived through twelve rough years of school.
Now no one has the right to call us fools.

It's nice to meet many different friends,
and most of them I hope to see again.

At the end of the year we say our "good-byes".
Then start at Colleges and say our "hi's".

The Class Of "80"

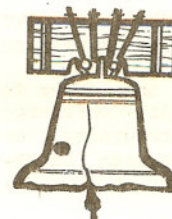
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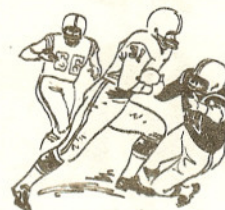
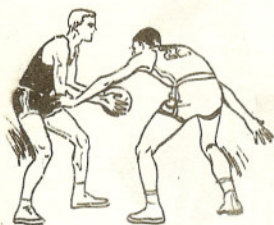
The last year has reached it's end,
Time to travel to places we've never been.
Some of us feel confused or uncertain,
For what lies behind the future curtain.
Will I be successful or will I fail?
We can only keep trying, for only time will tell.
Some of us wonder what it's all about.
Stepping into the world with a mind of doubt.
We'll make it to the very top,
Keep on going and never stop.
The class of '80' has always been tough,
That's because we're made of the very best stuff!

EPITAPH

by Bryan Reiff

A gunshot rings out—
A flower fades and dies.
A smokestack emits black, billowing death;
A man with feathers in his hair stands on a hill and cries.
A family of nine in their car; a drunken driver;
And nine new graves are dug.
A bird soaked in oil washes ashore in Texas;
In California, a city is buried beneath a sea
of concrete by an earthquake.
A pack of cigarettes casts a knowing glance
to a bottle,
And the two of them laugh to themselves.
A National Park is a national trash dump,
And a man with feathers in his hair is still crying.
A shipment of wheat sets sail for Russia,
And millions of hungry eyes watch it go,
to see nothing return.
An aborted baby is tossed into a trash can;
An atom bomb is tested in Africa.
One match burns down an entire city block;
An airplane crashes into a residential area.
What was once an artificial sweetener
is now a cancerous killer.
Oh world, ask not for whom the bell tolls...
WARNING: THE SURGEON GENERAL HAS DETERMINED THAT
THAT LIVING IS HAZARDOUS TO YOUR HEALTH.
...it tolls for thee.





JOCKS GET AWARDS!

This year, Berlin had several athletes who through superior play and sportsmanship, were picked to an All-Conference team. Two Berlin athletes, Charles Henry and Mark Andrews, were chosen to the coveted All-Europe team in football. There were many athletes, who didn't make All-Conference honors, but were valuable to the Bear cause.

This year's Varsity Football team placed four of its players on the Silver Division North All-Conference team. Cletis Smith, Charles Henry, and Mark Andrews were chosen to the defensive unit. Troy Mason was chosen to the offensive unit.

Charles Henry was chosen to the All-Conference team for his spectacular play at defensive end. Charles played his position well, harassing the quarterback and adjusting to the run. Charles was also chosen to the coveted All-Europe team.

Cletis Smith, Berlin's swift footed safety, also made the All-Conference team. His spectacular speed enable him to catch the deep men and thus stopping the run. On offense, Cletis amazed fans and opponents alike with his spectacular catches and running ability.

Mark Andrews, was a powerful force on this year's team. At middle guard, Mark stopped both the run and the pass, filling and clogging holes, and tackling the open man. Mark was also a recipient of the coveted All-Europe title.

Troy Mason was the only Berlin player to make the All-Conference offensive unit. Troy was a dominating force, leading the team in touchdowns completed. A gutsy player, Troy overpowered opponents with sheer strength.

Berlin also had four athletes chosen to the Red Division North All-Conference Basketball team. The men's and women's team were both represented by two players each. Andre Harley and Cletis Smith were chosen, while Karen Sellers and Ronnie Kosevich represented the women's team.

Andre, who started at point guard for the men's team, led the team in assists and was second in scoring. He amazed fans and opponents with his dribbling and shooting skills.

Returning starter, Cletis Smith, was also chosen to the All-Conference team. Cletis Smith led the team in scoring, scoring at a 20.6 clip. Cletis was also chosen to the coveted All-Tournament team for all of class B.

Ronnie Kosevich played point guard for the women's team. She has been a starter for the past two years. She led the women's team in scoring and assists.

Karen Sellers, was the other female chosen to the All-Conference team. Karin, also a returning starter, led the women's team in rebounds.

SENIORS PARTICIPATE IN SCHOOL SPORTS

Mark Andrews.....	Football/9-12
Mark Berg.....	Basketball/10
Joanne Biron.....	Swimming/10,11 Cheerleading/12
Robert Brewer.....	Football/9-12 Basketball/10
David Britt.....	Football/11,12
Gene Casey.....	Basketball/9 Track/9 Football/9-12
Scott Chapman.....	Baseball/9,10 Wrestling/9,10 Football/9-12
Richard Clarke.....	Football/9 Track/9 Cross Country/10-12 Wrestling/10-12
Tennis/10-12	
Zona Duncan.....	Volleyball/11,12
David Fox.....	Football/10-12, Basketball/12
Tracy Groover.....	Basketball/9,12 Volleyball/10-12 Track/10,12
Toni Hassell.....	Cheerleading/9 Track/9 Basketball/12
Charles Henry.....	Football/9-12 Basketball/11,12
Irvin Hicks.....	Basketball/10 Football/11 Tennis/11,12
Margot Horton.....	Basketball/9,10
Julia Howell.....	Golf
Carolyn Hudson.....	Basketball/9-11 Volleyball/11,12 Track/9,10
Trevor Johnson.....	Football/9,11,12 Baseball/9-11 Basketball/12
Roni Kosevich.....	Basketball/9-12 Cross Country/11
Theresa Ledbetter.....	Volleyball/9,12
Laurie Lengel.....	Cross Country/11
Mike Leyva.....	Football
James Mack.....	Football/12 Wrestling/12
Troy Mason.....	Football/9-12 Baseball/9,10 Basketball/9
Terry Moorman.....	Track Volleyball/11,12
James Nelson.....	Swimming/9-12 Cross Country/10,12
Angela Ott.....	Gymnastics/9
David Paulson.....	Basketball/9-12 Football/9
Kendra Payne.....	Basketball/9
Deborah Pearcy.....	Gymnastics/10
Manuela Perez.....	Basketball/9 Cross Country/11 Volleyball/12
Barbara Peterson.....	Basketball/11
Connie Phillips.....	Cheerleading/11,12
Karen Sellers.....	Volleyball/11 Basketball/10-12
Steve Slifer.....	Soccer/10-12 Cross Country/11,12 Wrestling/12
Cletis Smith.....	Baseball/9 Basketball/10-12 Football/11,12 Track/10-12
Peter Stein.....	Football/12 Basketball/10,12 Tennis/10-12
Carla Sutcliffe.....	Cheerleading/9
Karin Turner.....	Cross Country/11 Volleyball/12 Basketball/11,12 Track
Joyce Warren.....	Track/10,11 Basketball/11,12
Thomas Warren.....	Football/11
Mark Workman.....	Cross Country/12 Football/11

BEST ATHLETES CHOSEN

by Joyce Warren

This year's most athletic senior male and female were chosen in May. Roni Kosevich and Cletis Smith were the winners.

Roni started her high school athletics in the 9th grade with basketball, and has been playing ever since. In the 11th grade she became "known" here at BAHS for her unique skill in the game. In the '78-'79 tournaments she averaged 7 points per game, and showed leadership at her point guard position. In the 12th grade Roni showed great improvement as she raised her average to 12 points per game, and stunned opponents with her shots from 18-22 feet out. She finally received well deserved recognition by getting an All-Conference award at the end of her senior season. Roni also participated in cross-country in the 10th grade.

Cletis, the most athletic male,

has participated in football, basketball, and track. In the 10th grade he played JV basketball, and did so well in tournaments that he received a All-Tournament award. He kept going in the 11th grade, averaging 10 points per game, and was devastating from anywhere on the court. The next year he improved tremendously averaging 21 points a game and adding a new powerful drive. He received an All-Conference award for his outstanding play. In football Cletis proved his speed and moves were unstoppable when he raced a kickoff back 97 yards for a TD and a new school record. He received a All-Conference award for his great play. Cletis also participated in track in the 10th, 11th, and 12th grade. His coaches and team members watched him improve as every season he polishes off .5 seconds from each sprint.